The NHS North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group Directions 2017

The National Health Service Commissioning Board ("the Board"), in exercise of powers conferred by section 14Z21 of the National Health Service Act 2006 gives the following Directions.

Citation, commencement and application

(1) These Directions are given to NHS North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group ("North Lincolnshire CCG").

(2) These Directions may be cited as the North Lincolnshire CCG Directions 2017 and come into force on 14 August 2017.

(3) These Directions apply until they are varied or revoked by the Board or 12 months from the date hereof, whichever is the sooner.

Exercise of functions

(4) The Board directs that:

   (a) Following completion of the capability and capacity review received in March 2017, North Lincolnshire CCG will within 6 weeks of the date hereof produce an improvement plan that provides for the delivery of the recommendations of the capability and capacity review ("the Capability and Capacity Improvement Plan");

   (b) The Capability and Capacity Improvement Plan shall be approved by the Board and North Lincolnshire CCG will then:-
       (i) implement the recommendations in accordance with the Board’s instructions; and
       (ii) promptly provide any information, documents and records requested by the Board and make senior officers available to meet
with the Board to discuss the Capability and Capacity Improvement Plan;

(c) It may direct North Lincolnshire CCG in any other matters relating to the Capability and Capacity Improvement Plan.

Recovery Plan

(5) The Board directs that:

(a) Following completion of the Financial Recovery Report already received by North Lincolnshire CCG, North Lincolnshire CCG will within 4 weeks of the date of these Directions produce a credible financial recovery plan (“Financial Recovery Plan”), which includes but is not limited to:

(i) how North Lincolnshire CCG shall ensure that it operates within its annual budget in the financial year 2017/18 and remains in recurrent balance in subsequent financial years;

(ii) confirmation that all facts, figures and projections within the Financial Recovery Plan have been subjected to scrutiny by an organisation approved by the Board;

(iii) a complete analysis of the causes of the current underlying financial position, the reasons for the deterioration in the financial position, and addresses these causal factors in the Financial Recovery Plan;

(iv) a demonstration of clear links to internal budgets, reporting, activity plans, cash plans and contracting;

(v) an implementation plan with timescales for the achievement of any efficiency initiatives identified within the Financial Recovery Plan;

(vi) a resource plan which allocates the resources to ensure the delivery of the initiatives identified within the Financial Recovery Plan;

(vii) a clear risk assessment of the Financial Recovery Plan; and

(viii) any other requirements stipulated by the Board;

(b) The Financial Recovery Plan and any amendments to the same, shall continue to be subject to the Board’s approval;

(c) North Lincolnshire CCG will implement the Financial Recovery Plan;

(d) North Lincolnshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the Financial
Recovery Plan including but not limited to the prompt provision of information requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board and to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan, the implementation and the progress of the same; and

(e) It may direct North Lincolnshire CCG in any other matters relating to the Financial Recovery Plan.

Governance Review

(6) The Board directs that:

(a) North Lincolnshire CCG shall within 3 months of the date of these Directions commission and subsequently complete the review of its governance arrangements, having first obtained the Board’s approval of the specification for the review, and develop a Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the Governance Review (“the Governance Review and Plan”);

(b) North Lincolnshire CCG will implement the recommendations of the Governance Review and Plan;

(c) North Lincolnshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the implementation of the Governance Review and Plan including but not limited to the prompt provision of information requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board to discuss the Governance Review and Plan, the implementation of its recommendations and the progress of the same; and

(d) it may direct North Lincolnshire CCG in any other matters relating to the Governance Review Plan.

Executive Team and Senior Appointments

(7) The Board directs that:

(a) North Lincolnshire CCG will notify the Board of the need to make any appointments to its Executive Team or its next tier of management;

(b) where it considers it necessary to do so, the Board will determine the process to be followed by North Lincolnshire CCG in making appointments as referred to in paragraph 7(a);
(c) the appointment of any person to a position referred to in paragraph 7(a) and the terms of such appointment will be subject to prior approval by the Board; and

d) North Lincolnshire CCG will co-operate with the Board regarding the appointment of any person in accordance with paragraph 7(a), including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

Compliance with these directions

(8) The Board directs that North Lincolnshire CCG shall co-operate with the Board regarding the Board's oversight of North Lincolnshire CCG's compliance with these Directions, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board.

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